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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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The following advisory is not necessarily for broadcast. This is just a reminder that the address for the Newsline Support Fund is Newsline, in care of Andy Jarema-N6TCQ, Post Office Box 6-6-0-9-3-7, Arcadia California, our Zipcode is 9-1-0-6-6. Again, and as always, we thank you. This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 954 for release on Friday, November

24th, 1995 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a QST

Yet another delay in the vanity call sign system. Two more petitions for reconsideration are filed that have again put the program on hold. This story and more on Newsline report number 954 coming our way right now!

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VANITY CALLS

Some good news and some bad news on the vanity call sign issue. First the sort of good news. Gordon Girton, W6NLG, of the Sunnyvale, California VEC says that he has heard from the FCC that the long awaited vanity call sign form 610 V will be available sometime in February of 1996. Gordon says the FCC will also release the form 1070 at the same time.

The bad news? The FCC has received two more Petitions for Consideration on the provision of the Report and Order that prohibits a close family member from obtaining the call sign of a deceased family member unless they hold the same or higher class of license. Originally, the FCC did not include this provision in the Vanity Rules. They were persuaded to do so, and now this decision is being challenged.

It is possible that the FCC could dismiss the reconsideration request by saying the issue has been decided. The problem is that they do turn them down, those posing the latest challenge would then have the option of taking a decision against them decision into the federal courts. And that could tie the entire vanity call sign program up in litigation, for years.

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UNATTENDED BROADCAST TRANSMITTERS OK

The FCC has waived its rules in order to permit unattended operation of broadcast station transmitters. The November 1st issue of the trade publication Radio World reports that the commission has waived its requirement for duty operators at broadcast stations and has also eliminated the need for station operators to hold a Restricted Radio Telephone operators permit. The commission has also updated its rules relating to transmitter control and monitoring requirements.

There was some concern that the waiver permitting unattended operation might not be set until the new and automated Emergency Alert System replaces the older Emergency Broadcast System. The latter is currently used to alert the public to emergency

situations, but the FCC indicates it will permit unattended operation in advance of the implementation date of EAS.

While the effective date for implementing unattended operation has not yet been announced, broadcasters are very happy with the news. Their trade organization, the National Association of Broadcasters had sought these changes primarily to help small market radio stations that function with very limited staffs. The NAB says that this is definitely a big win for the broadcast community.

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NY TOWER BATTLE

In a case that will seem familiar to hams who have fought antenna conflicts, last summers radio tower battle between the cities of White Planes and North Castle, New York is finally over. The winner is White Planes.

The dispute began last spring after Nynex Mobile received permission from White Planes to erect an antenna tower on city property at a location very close to the border with North Castle. After the system was in place, North Castle sued White Planes claiming that the tower was visually intrusive. Also, that it should not have been located on city property because only White Planes was deriving revenue from Nynex.

It took a number of hearings, but finally the New York State Supreme Court ruled that the lease between Nynex and White Planes was valid, and North Castle had no legal claim. The fallout from this case will definitely impact on other New York tower challenges, including those involving ham radio.

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HISTORIC RADIO TOWERS TO BE DISMANTLED

Out west its the end of an era for some historic radio towers. This, according to Stacy Mc Intyre, KC6STT.

Mc Intyre reports via packet that the process has begun to dismantle three historic transmitting towers that were part of the U.S. Navy transmitting facility at Chollas Heights, in Southeast San Diego, California. Each tower stood 660 feet tall and all three have been a part of the city landscape for almost 75 years. Originally built in 1916, the self-supporting towers supported a nearly invisible triatic wire antenna array that was used for low-frequency transmissions.

The site has historic significance as the first transmitting facility to send official word to our armed forces that Pearl Harbor had been attacked by the Japanese. The facility remained in service until 1990. Other antennas on the site, included conical monopoles, and log-periodic beams that will also be

removed and scrapped.

This site, like many others was rendered obsolete by more modern satellite communications technology.

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WEST AND WISCONSIN ON SPOC

More developments in the controversial proposal to have the ARRL serve as a single point of contact between repeater coordinators and the FCC. Indiana Repeater Council leaders are already on record opposing that idea. The Council is joined in its opposition by the Southeastern Repeater Association. The idea is supported by other coordinating groups attending an October meeting in St. Charles, Missouri. Indiana Council members discussed the controversial proposal November 19th, during the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Speaking at that meeting was nationally recognized ham radio instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA. Reports circulating on the Internet in the wake of West's speech suggest that he praises IRC's leadership for resisting the League's involvement in coordination matters, and for opposing the concept of having a national point of contact. But West tells Newsline, that's not what he said:

"My support was for the getting together of all of these great talents in repeater coordination and talking among themselves. And I encouraged them to indeed meet with League officials that were there in the room." West

In fact, West says he takes no position in the disagreement between the Indiana group and those in the coordination community who side with the ARRL. West says he had other commitments after his brief talk and that he left the room. He says he has no idea what went on after he left.

Another setback for the Indiana position comes with the display of a United States map during that same meeting. The map professed to show geographic regions openly resisting the idea of a single point of contact with the FCC. The states colored in included Indiana, all states under the Southeastern Repeater Association, Alabama, Lower Michigan and Wisconsin. That's far more than the groups on record opposing the single point concept. Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, coordinates amateur FM repeaters for the state of Wisconsin. He sez Wisconsin's opposition is news to him. The ARRL's Board of Directors has yet to formally accept the single point of contact plan. The earliest that could happen is mid January. That's when Board members hold their first annual meeting of 1996.

By the way, Newsline has learned that the select committee of coordinators preparing the white paper on the single point of

contact is planning a face to face meeting within the next three weeks. The venue being bandied about is the Dallas, Texas area. But unlike the national meeting, this one will be closed to the press.

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NEWSLINE ON MICROSOFT NETWORK

The data version of Newsline is now available over the new Microsoft Network. According to Bruce R. Baily, KA6TFH, of Orange, California, Newsline can be found in the Amateur Radio file library area. Just look for the title Newsline Files and download to your hearts content.

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SOUND ON TAPR HOMEPAGE

Tucson Amateur Packet Radio has added an audio virtual meeting, workshop, and seminar page to its Home Page on the Internet. This, according to TAPR President Greg Jones, WD5IVD, who gives the address as:

<http://www.tapr.org>

Jones says that TAPR is evaluating a Real Audio system to present packet radio meetings and presentations. The system only allows six concurrent connections, so if you find that an audio channel is busy, try later.

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KIDSAT ON SPACE SHUTTLE

NASA has begun a new, three year pilot education program designed to bring the frontiers of space exploration into classrooms via the Internet. Known as KidSat, the program will allow students to operate instruments and download images in real-time from the Space Shuttle and in the future, from the international Space Station.

The first instrument payloads to fly aboard the Space Shuttle will consist of an electronic still camera mounted in the overhead window of the Orbiter and two video cameras mounted in the cargo bay. Students will be able to operate the cameras from their classroom and photograph regions of the world that interest them.

Three middle schools are participating in the initial phase of the KidSat pilot program. The KidSat pilot program is sponsored by NASA's Office of Human Resources and Education, with support from the Offices of Space Flight, Mission to Planet Earth, and

Space Science, Washington, DC.

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RF UNLOCK

The Radio Society of Great Britain reports that the October 18th edition of Autocar magazine makes reference to the possibility of radio controlled locking devices being rendered inoperative because of amateur signals on the 430 MHz band. A full description of this effect, the background to it, and what can be done about it, can be found in the December edition of the RSGB's Radio Communications magazine.

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DX

In DX, 9X/ON4WW reports from Rwanda that his 160 meter inverted-L antenna came down and is hoping to have it back up as soon as possible. Look for Mark Fridays and Saturdays from 23:30 to 02:00 UTC and at his sunrise.

Also 5U7AA in the nation of Niger seems to prefer 15 meters SSB. Check between 21.255 and 21.270 MHz around 13:30 to 15:30 UTC and QSL via HH2M.

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WELCOME BACK HAMS

On a much lighter note, a New York City high school radio wants to contact former students who were hams. Back in 1960 James Madison High School in Brooklyn, New York had an amateur radio club. Now, N20QI is looking for any graduates of 1960 or members of the club. If you are one of these, please contact Art by packet radio to N20QI at the KC2FD bulletin board in New York.

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ISIS AND HAM RADIO

This week another bit of ham radio television trivia that also has to do with school. This time we go back to the late 1970's and a Saturday morning childrens live action adventure series called Isis.

By way of background, Isis was one of the first of the female super heroes on the tube. The program was produced in the late 1970's by a company in Reseda, California called Filmation. In the show, the lead character was a high school teacher played by actress Joanna Crawford. Crawford's character had the power to become the super hero Isis and put the bad guys behind bars.

Now the ham radio trivia. In one episode, a few of the students turn out to be ham radio operators and they use their ham gear to help Isis free some captives from a cave and then help to capture the crooks. Our questions to you? What were the call signs used in the episode. Also, what kind of ham radio gear and for what band was used? And for the real ham radio trivia buff, name the ham who produced the show!

We will let you mull that one over for a few weeks. If you want to take a guess, send it by electronic mail to our producer at:

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The listener who provides the closest correct answer will be noted in a future Newsline report.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF at our editors desk, we at Newsline say 73, Happy Thanksgiving and we thank you for listening.

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Note: The correct name of the actress who played Isis was Joanna Cammeron, not Crawford. Like Crawford, (Cindy, not Broderick), Cammeron was a model who turned to acting. - Steve
